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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Therefore, no fees are required. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

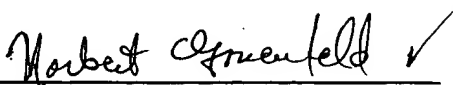
Most of the listed references are of record in parent Application No. 09/533,219 filed March 23, 2000, and copies are available therein. However, applicant is willing to send copies of any or all of these references at the Examiner's request. In addition, the applicant has included new references, which are marked on the Form-1449 by asterisk (\*), and copies of which are enclosed herewith.

Related applications are applications No. 09/533,219 filed 03/23/00, 09/696,502 filed 10/25/00, 09/702,634 filed 10/31/00 and 09/931,683 filed 08/16/01.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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